

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1, 3-10, 13-15, and 17 will be pending in the Application.

The Specification has been amended to reflect the changes to the numbering in the Drawings, and also to include a brief description of the Drawings. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

The Drawings have been replaced by replacement Drawings that include an amended version of the original Drawings wherein the numbering of the elements has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Claims 1, 3-10, 13-15, and 17 have been amended to correct certain typographical errors and for clarity. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

No claims have been added or canceled.

Amendments to the claims, as set forth above, are made in order to streamline prosecution in this case by limiting examination and argument to certain claimed embodiments that presently are considered to be of immediate commercial significance. Amendment or cancellation of the claims is not in any manner intended to, and should not be construed to, waive Applicants' right in the future to seek such unamended or cancelled subject matter, or similar matter (whether in equivalent, broader, or narrower form) in the present application, and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, RCE, or any other application claiming priority to or through the present application, nor in any manner to indicate an intention, expressed or implied, to surrender any equivalent to the claims as pending after such amendments.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

1. **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112.**

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 is moot in view of the foregoing amendments. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

2. **Provisional rejection of claims 1, 3-10, 13-15, and 17 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 29-34, and 37-40 of copending U.S. Patent Publication No. 2008/0019887.**

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the possibility that claims in the cited application or the present application will be further amended before allowance, response to this provisional rejection will be deferred until claims in the reference application are allowed, claims in the present application are otherwise allowable, and it is determined whether this provisional rejection becomes an actual rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the Application and pending claims are patentable in view of the foregoing remarks. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. As always, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Undersigned by telephone if direct conversation would be helpful.

Respectfully Submitted,

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